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IN BRIEF

Beached Oregon whale rescued from crab net

DEPOE BAY — A whale rescue operation was underway off the coast of Depoe Bay on Monday, after beach-goers spotted one of the huge mammals tangled up in a crab net about half a mile offshore.

The gray whale, which was headed north, "somehow got her tail wrapped up" in the net, said Chris Sparkman, the Coast Guard officer in charge of the Depoe Bay station.

Experts from the Oregon Marine Mammal Stranding Network cut the whale loose from the crab pots, said Aaron Bretz, who is stationed with the Coast Guard in Depoe Bay.

"Her movements are OK," Bretz said. "She is diving with no problems and swimming around. There were some lines wrapped around her tail and a couple of buoys trapped behind there."

Bretz said it is not yet clear who owns the commercial crab pots tangled up with the whale.

— The Associated Press

University receives \$100,000 to offset disaster plan costs

The risk mitigation plan will address the University's vulnerability to natural disasters and severe weather

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NEWS REPORTER

The University's Oregon Natural Hazards Workgroup hopes to limit the campus' risk of natural disaster with a risk mitigation plan.

The workgroup, a program of the University's Community Service Center, announced Friday that it had received a \$100,000 Disaster Resistant University Grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to offset the cost of the project.

The plan would be the first natural hazard risk mitigation applied to the University, sources said.

ONHW Director Andre LeDuc said the workgroup earned the grant because of its leading role in natural hazard mitigation at the national level.

"(We've) been working with communities and state agencies since 2000," said LeDuc, who joined ONHW's staff in 1999. "For the last five years, we've been a national leader."

The University's mitigation plan will address seismic and flood events. It will also deal with severe ice and wind storms, both of which have descended upon the University in recent years.

As part of a comprehensive plan for the University, LeDuc said he hopes to address vulnerabilities in older buildings on campus, which aren't completely equipped for earthquakes or inclement weather.

"We like to spend about a year (on projects)," LeDuc said. "We use a very collaborative planning approach. We need to look at all the different facets of how the University functions."

"We're building off of the county and the city's plans (and) benefiting from the things that they've developed."

Flood hazard mitigation planning will include determining what kind of flood plain the University lies on and assessing how much danger

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Energy: Project not yet fully implemented

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assistants plugged into it.

"I don't pay the bills, so I don't care about the energy in that sense, but it didn't present any problems," Visser said.

However, relatively few people benefited from the original effort.

"With budget and time constraints, (past ASUO members) weren't able to finish it up," Hart said. "We really put in a lot of time and energy to finish it all up."

"There was a closet filled with equipment in PLC," Johnson said. "We just distributed it."

Hart said of about 300 rooms in PLC, he and his colleagues made contact with the occupants of at least 250 rooms. One-hundred and fifty PLC occupants who wanted supplies received them. A hundred declined the offer because they felt they didn't need surge protectors for their laptops, Hart said.

"It wasn't like 'No, we don't want

it," Hart said. "It was more like, 'No, we don't need it.'"

The motion-detecting power strips differ from standard surge protectors in that they have motion detectors that turn the equipment off when no one is in the room. This works well for equipment such as printers, fans, and radios, Johnson said, but for computers, there are also two outlets on the power strip that are not controlled by the motion detector, ensuring that computer processes such as downloading will not be interrupted even when the room is unoccupied.

Hart said the new equipment could potentially save the University \$10,000 in energy costs per year.

While the equipment has been distributed, the project still has yet to fully take effect, as equipment recipients take time to use their new devices.

"I haven't taken it out of the box yet," economics GTF Bill Hall said. He said he will probably try to set up his power strip later this week.

"I have mine and I haven't had the time to set it up yet. I'm not a big energy user," English professor Liz Bohls said, explaining that while some people have desk lamps and fans in their offices, she only has a computer.

With Energy Week finished, the ASUO Outreach Committee is now working to form an Energy Action Team made up of a group of faculty and students to further improve energy conservation on campus. Possible projects include adding energy-saving equipment to other campus buildings and raising awareness of energy issues among students. Hart said the group is also planning a large-scale Earth Day celebration for the spring, during which surplus motion-sensing power strips may be distributed to students.

To get involved in the new energy awareness group, call Tylour Johnson at 346-0715.

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